### THE EVENING CRITIC

For the Middle Atlantic States, fair weather, winds mostly northerly, stationary or lower temperature, higher barometer.

## END OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

How It Affects the District Offices. The busiest time of the year in the District government offices is the termination of the fiscal year, and the press of work during the present week makes the Columbia building buzz with an unusual activity. bia building buzz with an unusual activity. The 1st of July, the happy new year, fiscally speaking, must find a great deal of work accomplished and changes completed. The Commissioners' office undergoes no changes, except that the appropriations for the next year will be at their disposal, and this will give a fresh impotus to work now lagging because of exhausted superprintions. The give a fresh impetus to work now lagging because of exhausted appropriations. The vigilant and steady workers of the special-assessment division will assess no more under the direction of their able chief, Mr. Wm. C. Roome, as both office and officers go out of existence after to-morrow. Under the direction of the inspector of buildings some interesting work commences, as the appropriations become available, for building some of the new school buildings, the ing some of the new school buildings, the wing of the Georgetown market, the Indus-trial Home School College, and numerous other buildings in which a general interest

is felt.
The Inspector of Buildings will also seek
a change of quarters to render his office a
little further from the roof, and Lieut.

payers, who are now paying up.

The Water Registrar's office is occupied

The Water Registrar's office is occupied in collecting the back water taxes.

The Health Department receive an appropriation for the ensuing year sufficiently large to enable its employees to collect garbage and do other sauitary work with greater regularity and precision than heretofore.

The Schuctzen Festivities.

The jolly Scheutzers and their thousand or more friends enjoyed themselves immensely at the Schuctzen Park last night. The night was fine, attendance large, and pleasures endless, and midnight came too soon for many of the merry-makers. The prize bowling resulted as follows: Ladies—first prize, Mrs. A. Loeffler; second prize, Mrs. W. Helmus; third prize, Mrs. W. Behreus; fourth prize, Mrs. Chris. Kander. Gentlemen—first prize, R. Anfenthie; second prize, G. Scufferle; third prize, Chris. Schlitzberger, Baltimore; fourth prize, P. Walter, Baltimore; fifth prize, B. Decker, Baltimore; sixth prize, M. Kammerer; seventh prize, E. August, Baltimore; eighth prize, H. Buschman; R. Austenthie, prize for most ten strikes. Among the ladies who won prizes at the shooting stand were Mrs. C. Xander, Mrs. W. Behrens, Mrs. A. Loeffler and Mrs. W. Helmus. The festival closes to-night. Thus far it has been a success financially and otherwise, and the managers are highly gratified.

It was intended by the original programme to close the fest to-day, but as the rain at times interfered with its full enjoyment, it will be continued to-morrow and to-morrow night.

After our report closed yesterday in the case of John Donohue alias Green, indicted for the murder of Catherine Bailey on the 13th of February last, the arguments were closed and the case was given to the jury, who cetired and very soon afterward returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter. It is understood that counsel for defense will argue, at a future day, against the recording of the verdict as rendered.

### Killed on the Bultimore and Ohio

Railroad.

Denis Wallace, colored, of Annapolis, was yesterday afternoon killed by the Washington express on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, near Irving Park, where he had gone to attend a picnic. The deceased, it is alleged, was under the influence of liquor, and started to walk down the track just before the train came along, and was struck before he could get out of the engine's way. Railroad.

## Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Stephen A. Miller, of this city, and Adeline V. Sonder, of Prince George's County, Md., Richard Contee, of Charles County, Md., and Mary Jane Johnson, of this city.

The Comfort of the Little Ones is assured for the hot weather if you fit them out at the boys' clothing-house of B. Bobinson & Co., No. 909 Pennsylvania ave-

## National Hotel Arrivals.

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C. Burruss, Norfolk, Va.; W. H. Gill, N. J.; Judge George P. Fisher. Dover, Del.; E. B. Terry, New York; D. C. Hutchinson, Boston; R. White, Lowell; T. C. Thomson, T. L. Mount, D. Bride, Baltimore; W. G. Lovell, Cleveland; W. C. Hauff, New York; W. T. Madden, Ohio; J. M. Glass, Ind.; G. M. Witherden, Philadelphia; R. G. Burke and wife, Baltimore; W. A. H. Washington, W. Va.; H. S. Parks, New York; W. T. Davis, Va.; Miss M. Simms, Miss B. Simms, Md.

COL. JAMES GORDON, who left for Cincinnati yesterday morning, will return shortly and represent the Cincinnati En-quirer in Virginia during the campaigu.

BLUE MONDAY CIGARS at Polkinhorn's, near City Post-office.

THE COUNTERFEIT MONEY CASE.

second Trial of Thomas J. Bicksler. In the Criminal Court to-day the case of Thomas J. Bicksler, indicted for having in

Thomas J. Bicksler, indicated for having in his possession counterfeit silver coins of the denomination of half dollars, quarters and half dimes with intent to defraud, was again called up for trial. The case grew out of the Rupp-Gheen arrest and the alleged attempt to poison Emma Baker in jail. John E. Norris, Gen. Miller and T. F. Miller for defense.

Emma Baker testified that she went to Bicksler's photograph gallery with Allee Westcott very frequently in November and December, and when Alice went up, witness knew she had no money; when she came down Alice would pull silver money out of her bosom and show it to her; she assisted Alice in passing the money in the assisted Alice in passing the money in the market.

On cross-examination witness said she had

On cross-examination witness said she had been in jail for seventeen months, and was sent there on the same charge as Alice, for passing counterfeit money; she said that she had been in the District Attorney's office to answer his questions, but he never promised her immunity from prosecution; she believed now she would not be prosecuted.

Molic Westcott testified that she had been to Bicksler's gallery with Alice and seen her get silver and paper money from Bicksler; don't know how many times she got it, but she got it every time she went there; have seen Bicksler give her a roll of ten-cent pieces; they looked new; have seen Bicksler and Alice in market together, and have seen them buy things.

Thomas W. Fowler testified that in December, 1879, Bicksler paid him \$5.50, all in quarters. Among them were a number of bright pieces, which he knew were counter-Greene has made the same movement, and removed his office to the second floor.

The office of the Collector of Taxes has been exceedingly busy and crowded during the business hours by the delinquent tax-

money.

T. W. Fowler, jr., testified that he took the bad money from his father to Bicksler for exchange, and Bicksler gave him good

money for it.

J. S. Swormstedt testified that he received the money from Bicksler for Mr. Fowler; it was put in the box where the store money was kept.

Samuel M. Smith testified as to Emma

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Baker and Alice Rupp or Westcott passing
counterfeit silver on him in the fall of 1879.

John McWilliams testified as to Emma
Baker, in company with Alice Westcott,
passing counterfeit silver quarters on him
in the market in November last.

William Dickey, Courtland Johnson,
Thomas F. Hardiman and Edith Gainey
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Officer Breen testified to arresting Baker and Westcott, and to the former dropping a counterfeit half-dollar in the station-house, and to finding several counterfeits in the trunk of the latter.

Thos, J. Bicksler was sworn in his own behalf and testified that he had never given any counterfeit coin of any kind to Alice Westcott. Witness then explained the use of the hollow planks found in his gallery with sliding tops.

On cross-examination witness acknowledged that he was arrested in 1879 for passing a counterfeit bill, but the charge was dismissed; never passed counterfeit money on anybody in his life knowingly; the hollow planks found were never used for holding counterfeit money; made the hollow black found in Miss Westerleit week. ing counterfeit money; made the hollow block found in Alice Wescott's trunk as a safe place for her money at her request; made it about six months ago; have known

Mysterious Disappearance.

A burly negro made his appearance at Police Headquarters last Thursday evening and requested admission to a hospital or asylum, claiming that he was destitute and imbecile. Yesterday the same character atlice Headquarters last Thursday evening and requested admission to a hospital or asylum, claiming that he was destitute and imbedile. Yesterday the same character attracted the attention of the police by hiding and running or creeping from hiding place to hiding place in Georgetown, and finally disappearing in some bushes above the town. This morning the bushes were searched, and the hat, coat and shoes of the wanderer were found, but he was missing and inquiry fails to trace him further. In the coat pockets were found papers, letters and other documents, which were mostly additionated the coat pockets were found papers, letters and other documents, which were mostly additionated the coat pockets were found papers, letters and other documents, which were mostly additionated the coat pockets were found papers, letters and other documents, which were mostly additionated the coat pockets were found papers, letters and other documents, which were mostly additionated the coat pockets were found papers, letters and when of center; the prize of the wander were found to a content of the coat pockets were found papers, letters and other documents, which were mostly additionated the coat pockets were found papers, letters and when of getting him at a threat the work of getting him at the document of the coat pockets were found papers, letters and when of getting him at the work with a sile of pockets were found papers, letters and other documents, which were mostly additionated the work of getting him at the work of getting him at the least of the coat pockets were found papers, letters and there documents, which were mostly additionated the coat pockets were found papers, letters and when of getting him at the least paper and the coat pockets were found papers, letters and the region of the letter of the coat pockets were found papers, letters and the region of the letter of the let

don't remember whether the time or not whether the time or not worked for Bicksler; knew of the hole near the water-closet; it was used for the blocks containing the negatives of the fancy pictures; Bicksler always paid witness and others in good money, so far as witness knew.

## Luttrell & Wine,

No. 1930 Pennsylvania avenue, are now offering superior lots of dry goods, suitable for the season, at very low prices. These special lots embrace elegant silks and lawns, table linen, white spreads, gent's underwear, ladies' vests, &c. Ladies are invited to examine their stock and prices, and be convinced that they fulfill all they promise.

### District Government Notes.

-Gwynn Harris has been appointed in-spector of Marine products by the Commis--Employees of the organization for the

relief of indigent sick persons will be con-tinued under pay. —P. Culliman was granted a permit to-day for improving the fronts of houses 605 and 607 H street northwest.

—Chas Keller was granted a permit to-day to improve his frame house at Seventh and D streets southwest, at an expense of \$150.

—The Commissioner this afternoon appointed John F. Mollers and Abner W. Rose as additional patrolman for the Treasury Department.

The Inspector of Buildings will examine the spire of the Metropolitan Methodist Church to-morrow, the question of its safety having been referred to him by the Commission.

—Disabled policemen will hereafter guard the Columbia building, and direct the able-bodied to the numerous offices along its dark and winding passages.

—Liquor licenses were granted by the Commissioners to-day to Patrick Casey, 500 Fourteenth street; Marcellus West, Seventeenth street, between B and C streets; Kline & Vaeth, 725 Seventh street north-

Reep Cool.

Buy clothing of light texture at George Spransy's, No. 507 Seventh street.

The Capitol Hill delegation at the White House yesterday was in the interest of Col. Charles Case, formerly of Indiana, and not for Capt. A. Grant, as published.

THE COMET.

Results of Observations at Dudley Observatory.

The scientists at the Dudley Observatory in Albany have made computations about the comet. From these it appears that the comet was nearest to the earth on June 19;

the comet. From these it appears that the comet was nearest to the earth on June 19; passed its perihelion on June 23, and is now winging its way through space in a direction diagonally away from the earth, from which it is receding at the rate of 1,000,000 miles daily. Its distance from us is now about 35,000,000 miles, and that is 10,000,000 greater than the corresponding distance on June 19. The compet was 70,000,000 miles from the sun at its perihelion, or nearest point. By the end of July we may expect that it will have only one-quarter of its present brightness.

There is a striking similarity between the elements of the orbits of the present comet and that of 1807. The longitudes of perihelion differ ten degrees. But this element is extremely uncertain. The longitudes of the mode differ only four degrees, while the inclinations of the plane differ less than one degree. So far as these particulars go the two bodies might be the same because of the necessary uncertainty in the present calculations. It is not the same, however, with the distance at perihelion, and though the discrepancy is only about fifteen per cent. it is more than can well be due to error of calhelion differ ten degrees. But this element is extremely uncertain. The longitudes of the node differ only four degrees, while the inclinations of the plane differ less than one degree. So far as these particulars go the two bodies might be the same because of the necessary uncertainty in the present calculations. It is not the same, however, with the distance at perihelion, and though the discrepancy is only about fifteen per cent, it is more than can well be due to error of calis more than can well be due to error of cal-culation. It is possible to calculate what would be the apparent daily angular mo-tion across the sky of a comet with the same elements as that of 1807. When that is done it is found that the theoretical motion would be nearly a degree less per day than what is actually observed to be the case with the comet now visible. It is not probable that the comet of 1881 has any connection with any other recorded by modern astronomers. It is not impossi-ble that the two comets in question may have originally formed one and the same celestial body. They may have been torn asunder by some force of repulsion such as produced the separation in the case of Biela's comet. Each might then have re-tained the main characteristics of the orihas any connection with any other recorded tained the main characteristics of the original orbit. The two new orbits would be likely to differ mainly in perihelion distance and periodic time, but all this is speculation. Humanly speaking, it is certain that the comet we now see is the same as that reported in thirty degrees south declination by the South American observers.

We are now able to form some idea of the dimensions of this magnificent comet. Its tail is at least 35,000 000 of miles in length, and but little if any shorter than that of

tail is at least 35,000 000 of miles in length, and but little if any shorter than that of Donati's, one of the largest on record.

The professors at the Observatory here are still watching the movements of the comet and expect in a few days to be able to give to the public some valuable information concerning his celestial majesty. The professors keep a nightly watch and computations are regularly made. The indications are that the comet is rapidly traveling away from the earth, so that its brightness will gradually diminish.

National Bank Note Statistics for the Year.

During the fiscal year ending to-day, the following disposition was made by the U. S. Treasurer of the National bank notes re-S. Treasurer of the National bank notes redeemed, viz: Notes fit for circulation, assorted and returned to the banks of issue, \$6,763,600; notes unfit for circulation, assorted and delivered to the Comptroller of the Currency for destruction and replacement with new notes, \$40,080,700; notes of failed, liquidating and reducing banks deposited in the Treasury, \$12,219,750; total, \$59,064,050. The total for the corresponding period of 1880 was \$61,343,000, showing a decrease of \$2,278,950.

A BAR-ROOM license has been issued to Gustave Haag to carry on retail liquor trade at Jackson City, the south end of Long Bridge.

HENRY JOHNSON, a colored boy, snatched a pocket-book and a small sum of money from Mrs. Catherine Luther yesterday, and was sent to jail for six months by Judge Snell to-day.

JOSEPH KIDWELL was arraigned in the Police Court to-day, for assaulting with intent to kill a man named Hill. Kidwell seems to have assaulted Hill and drawn a pistol, which was accidentally discharged. The charge was changed to simple assault, and sentence of \$50 fine or ninety days imposed.

THE COLORED CHURCH at the corner of Tenth and V streets northwest was discovcred, at an early hour this morning, in a burning condition, and an alarm was turned in from box No. 28. As the structure was frame, the fire spread rapidly. The firemen were very prompt, and succeeded in extin-guishing the flames before the entire church was destroyed. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

THE BACE between L'Hirondelles and Undines, of Baltimore, which has been looked forward to with much interest by our boating men, takes place this afternoon our boating men, takes place this afternoon on the Patapseo course, a distance of three miles and a turn. The Undines will have the same crow which has won them so many races, and L'Hirondelles will be strength-ened by the addition of Gibson, a stroke-oar from the University of Virginia. Delega-tions from all our boat clubs will probably go to witness the race.

JUDGE JAMES KEITH, of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Virginia district, has refused to grant the writ of error applied for in the case of Oliver, Hambleton, alias O. Johnson, the three-card monte man con-victed at the last term of the County Court of swindling John Houston, a farmer from Canada, out of \$565, at Arfington, and sentenced by Judge Sangster to five years in the penitentiary. Hambleton, who is a Washingtonian, when informed of the decision of Judge Keith refusing him a new trial, expressed himself as greatly disappointed. He will be taken to the penitentiary early next week.

SEVERAL of the heads of bureaus in the SEVERAL of the heads of bureaus in the various departments have received communications from Stuttgart, Germany, asking for public documents for an American free library to be opened there on 4th July next. The communications are signed Carl Lantenschlager, manager, and the writer states that the library is designed to furnish information to capitalists, intending emigrants and the public generally on the condition, resources and enterprises, and the laws of this commonwealth.

During the past year—the fiscal year ending to-day—six hundred and ninety-seven new buildings have been erected in District of Columbia, and 10,077 repairs of an extensive character made. The proceeds to the office for these permits amount to \$3,293. The number of new buildings is larger by seventeen than those by the preceding year.

POLICE STATIONS AND SCHOOL HOUSES.

The District Commissioners Reply to the Protest of the School Trusices. The District Commissioners yesterday ransmitted to the President the following

transmitted to the President the following letter in reference to the erection of a station-house on the same square with the High-school building:

Siz: The Commissioners have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication of William Henry Browne, chairman of a committee of ex-trustees of the public schools of the District of Columbia, protesting against the exection of a police station.

the market sneas which have for several years occupied the same. The market in course of erection on the square opposite to 446 is strictly a private enterprise, over which the Commissioners have no control. In regard to the proposed creetion of a po-lice station on this square, the Commission-ers respectfully submit the following state-

Congress at its last session provided for Congress at its last session provided for the crection of two police station-houses, but inadvertently omitted to provide for the purchase of sites for the same. The First Comptroller having ruled that with-out such special provision the Commissioners were not authorized to purchase sites, the alternative was presented of delaying the crection of these much-needed stations until further authority could be obtained from Congress or of using such suitable sites as further authority could be obtained from Congress or of using such suitable sites as the District already owned; and, anticipating no objection to the use of a portion of this square for the purpose, they were considering the propriety of doing so when the protest of the ex-trustees was received.

The Commissioners then concluded to refer this protest to the Board of School Trustees, their proper advisers in the premises, and were awaiting the action of the board at the very time when the President was called on by the committee of extrustees.

The Commissioners will, of course, take pleasure in complying with the request of the President.

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In conclusion, they take occasion now to deny emphatically the gratuitous charge made against them by the ex-trustees of hostility to the public schools of this District as entirely unjust and unfounded. On the contrary, they claim that in no like period of their history has so much been done to promote the efficiency and to increase and improve the accommodations of these schools as during the three years of their administration. The Commissioners further deny the statement made by the extrustees that the part of square 446, on which it was contemplated to erect a station-house, was ever intended to be used as a play-ground for the schools. On the contrary, they have personal knowledge that the Seventh street front of said square, being valuable business property, was especially valuable business property, was especially reserved by Congress to be sold for the erection of other school-houses.

A Spicy Comment on the Above Communication.

To the Editor of The Eccning Critic: I have just read the extraordinary letter of the District Commissioners to the Presiof the District Commissioners to the Presi-dent in answer to the complaint of citizens respecting the proposed use of the children's play-ground on square 446 for a police sta-tion-house.

The Commissioners admit their intention to appropriate the Seventh street front of square 446 as a site for a police station-house, and, a little further along, say:

"They (the Commissioners) have personal

"They (the Commissioners) have personal knowledge that the Seventh street front of knowledge that the Seventh street front of said square, being valuable business property, was specially reserved by Congress to be sold for the erection of other schoolhouses." Why then did they deliberately propose to overrule Congress and use it for a station-house? This is a strange jumble. Here are our rulers, supposed to be intelligent men, telling the President that they have "personal knowledge" of the will of Congress, and in the same breath announceing their intention to disregard it.

Congress, and in the same breath announcing their intention to disregard it.

The Commissioners lay great stress on what they claim to have done "to increase and improve the accommodations" of the public schools. If they could hear the views of practical teachers respecting the "improvements" in accommodations, it might modify slightly this boastful condition of themselves. And as to the "increase" of accommodations for the public schools, there is this to be said: They struck out of their "estimate" to Congress the \$100,000 recommended by the school board for the erection of school-houses, and added it to the amount "estimated" for street improvements. Perhaps they will come forward, hereafter, and modestly claim, as evidence of what they did for the public schools, the four new school buildings now about to be erected with the money appropriated by Congress in spite of their hostile "estimate" and their opposition.

The Commissioners deny hostility to the public schools. Why then did they seek to shut out fifteen hundred school children from any possible chance of a play group.

shut out afteen hundred school children from any possible chance of a play ground, and plot to leave them to shift for them-selves in the public streets among the vans, cars and market wagons? Plain, common-sense people understand such acts to be hostile. It is a queer way to show friend-ship anythem.

ship, anyhow.

By the way, Mr. Editor, I wish you would be good enough to ask the Commissioners how they got their "personal knowledge" of the intention of Congress respecting the disposition to be made of the Seventh street

front of square 446. Just get them to show you the law, act or resolution. And while you are about it suppose you And white you are about it suppose you inquire whether the ommission in the law to provide authority to purchase sites was an "inadvertency" of Congress or the Commissioners. Some people are uncharitable enough to think that charging this inadvertancy upon Congress is not quite correct SECOND DIVISION.

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### An Appeal for Justice.

To the Edwar of The Evening Critic: In the absence of Congress, we appeal to you to help and expose the scheme about to be adopted in the Government Printing office, to have apprentices and boys as big as men reduced to starving wages. Those of us from distant States, and no relatives here, how will we live? We hope you will mention this strongly in our interest and the interest of justice and right.

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June 29, 1881.

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